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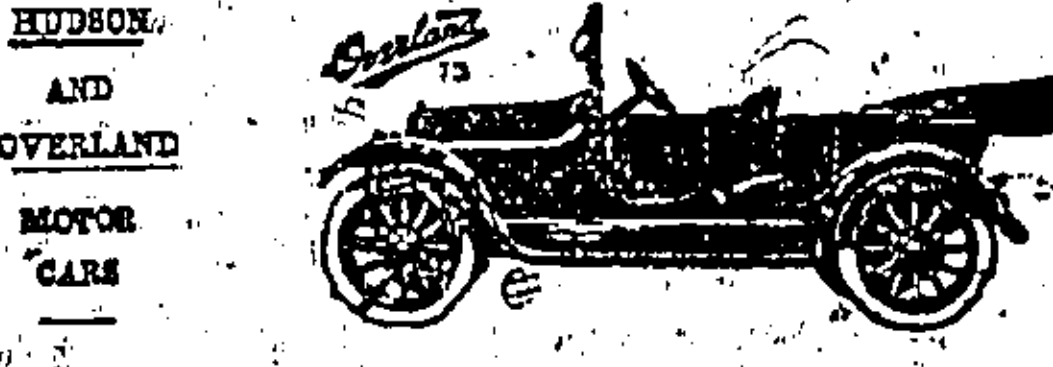
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**THE WAR.**

**TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**WRANGLING AT THE  
PEACE CONFERENCE.**

THE FUTURE OF THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.

The German version of the pro-  
ceedings of the Committee appointed  
at Brest-Litovsk on January 1, to  
discuss the territorial question, shows  
that the Delegates wrangled for two  
days, without result, on the ques-  
tion of the status of the populations  
of the occupied territories and of  
their evacuation.

The Germans contended that the  
peoples of the occupied territories,  
through plenipotentiary bodies, had  
already expressed their desire for a  
severance from Russia. The Rus-  
sians denied that these bodies were  
representative and proposed as a  
substitution for the two articles of  
the preliminary treaty, four articles,  
of which the following is a sum-  
mary:—

I.—The right to territory and self-  
determination belongs to the nation,  
and not to the occupied parts thereof.  
II.—Austria and Germany should  
renounce their claims of annexation  
of the occupied Russian territories,  
and undertake not to restrict their  
independence by military conventions  
before the constitution of these re-  
gions on a basis of self-determina-  
tion, and the voting to determine the  
fate of these regions should be car-  
ried out after the foreign armies have  
withdrawn and the fugitives and  
deportees have returned; the date  
of the withdrawal of the armies to  
be determined by a special commis-  
sion.

III.—After peace has been signed  
the territories shall be administered  
by a temporary body, comprised of  
the various political parties which  
shall organise a plebiscite.  
IV.—The final position of these  
territories shall be decided by a  
referendum.

**RUSSIA'S "VICTORIOUS  
TONE."**

General Hoffmann protested at the  
victorious tone of the Russian pro-  
posals when a "victorious-German  
army stood on their territory," and  
ridiculed the Russian claims to self-  
determination seeing that the Bol-  
shevik Government was based on  
ruthless force. He again asserted  
that the occupied peoples had un-  
mistakably expressed the wish for  
separation from Russia, and said that  
the Courland Diet, on September 31,  
requested German protection, and  
the Lithuanian Diet, on December  
11, proclaimed a desire for severance  
from Russia. The Municipality of  
Riga and the guilds and rural repre-  
sentatives, on December 27, claimed  
German protection; and, finally, in  
December last, the representatives of  
Oesel, Dagoe and Moon islands re-  
pudiated their previous connections;  
moreover, for technical and admini-  
strative reasons, the German High  
Command refused to evacuate Cour-  
land, Lithuania, Riga and the islands  
in the Gulf of Riga.

Dr. von Kuehlmann proposed an  
adjournment of the deliberations in  
order that Germany might consult  
her Allies and the sitting was accord-  
ingly adjourned sine die.

The two articles of the preliminary  
treaty are as follow:  
Article 1.—That Russia and Germany  
declare the state of war ended. Both  
nations are resolved to live together in  
future in peace and friendship. On the  
condition of complete reciprocity in a  
"peace of Germany" ready, as soon as  
peace is concluded with Russia and the  
armies are demobilized, to  
exchange her present positions and the  
occupied Russian territory, as far as to  
different instances may result from  
Article 2.—After the Russian Govern-  
ment, in accordance with its principles,  
has proclaimed for the peoples of  
Russia the right of self-determination,  
including complete separation, it takes  
compliance of decisions, as expressing the  
will of people, demanding full state in-  
dependence and separation from Russia  
for Poland, Lithuania, Courland and por-  
tions of Lithuania and Livonia. The  
Russian Government recognises that  
these manifestations must in the present  
circumstances be regarded as expressing  
the will of the people and is ready to  
draw conclusions therefrom.  
As in these districts to which the fore-  
going stipulations apply the question of  
evacuation is, not such as is provided  
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**YARMOUTH BOMBARDED**

FOR FIVE MINUTES.

London, Jan. 15.

It is officially announced that  
Yarmouth was bombarded from the  
sea, last night.

The fire opened at 10.55 p.m.  
and lasted for five minutes.

Twenty shells fell in the town and  
the latest reports are three people  
killed and ten injured.

The damage is not serious.

**BRITISH MAN-POWER  
QUESTION.**

COMMENTS ON THE SPEECH OF  
SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES.

London, Jan. 15.

The Press favourably comments on  
Sir Auckland Geddes' speech.

The Daily News epitomises his  
views and his warning to labour and  
says: "We cannot be accused of  
lack of sympathy for labour nor of  
excessive sympathy with this Govern-  
ment, but this does not blind us to  
the fact that we are engaged in the  
greatest struggle for human liberty  
we were ever involved in. To talk  
of downing tools is to talk of betray-  
ing freedom and stabbing our sons  
and brothers, who are fighting for  
Freedom, in the back."  
The Daily Mail Lobby Correspon-  
dent understands that the Govern-  
ment is prepared to take immediate  
and severe measures against anyone  
interfering with the output of munici-  
tions, aeroplanes and ships.

**GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH  
POSTPONED.**

POLITICAL SURPRISES  
PROBABLE.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.

A message from Berlin states that  
Count Hertling has postponed his  
Reichstag speech (in which, it is  
said, he intends to reply to the recent  
speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and  
President Wilson).  
The Tagblatt says the Chancellor  
is ill, and that political surprises  
during the next few days are  
probable.

**BRITISH WAR EXPENDITURE**

INQUIRY BY COMMITTEE OF  
BUSINESS MEN.

London, Jan. 15.

It is understood that the Govern-  
ment, at the instance of Mr. Bon-  
Law, has decided to appoint an  
independent committee of business  
men to enquire into the expenditure  
of the war departments.  
One of the first tasks of the Com-  
mittee will be to enquire into the  
planning of over-staffing and in-  
efficientity.

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structions to sell by Public Auction,  
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Hongkong, Jan. 16, 1918.

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will be landed at Consignees' risk and  
expense, and delivery must then be taken  
from the Consignee's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all  
Cargo remaining undelivered on MON-  
DAY, 21st January, at 5 p.m.

No Free Insurance whatever will be  
afforded.

No claim will be recognized after the  
Goods have left the Steamship or Godown.  
All claims for damage to Cargo will  
be made to the Company's Godown,  
where they will be examined on the  
22nd January, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognized if filed  
after the 22nd January, 1918.

YOKOHAMA

Hongkong, Jan. 16, 1918.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, 1918.

### BRITAIN'S MAN-POWER.

Not the least striking feature of the  
statement which the British Minister  
of National Service made in the  
House of Commons on Monday is the  
evidence it affords that Great Britain  
has still left a considerable reserve of  
man-power for the fighting lines  
although the men already provided  
for the armed forces of the Crown  
are "not far below 7,500,000." Sir  
AUCKLAND GEDDES set out the  
position with a frankness to which  
we have become quite accustomed  
during the period of the war. For  
the first time the statistics of the  
growth in personnel of our Army  
and Navy have been given to the  
public, and while this information  
has been given in order to indicate  
to the British public the basis for  
confidence in ultimate victory and  
the justification which exists for the  
further efforts to this end which  
the Government feel it their  
duty to make, the statistics must at  
the same time give to German states-  
men and the German people generally  
much food for serious reflection. An  
examination of the entire question of  
the strength, character and composi-  
tion of our own forces, those of our  
Allies, and those of our enemies, in  
the light of the situation in Russia,  
has satisfied the British Government  
that the resources of the Allies are  
sufficient to assure victory and that  
"nothing but a physiological cata-  
strophe in one or other of the Allied  
countries can save the Central  
Powers." The new legislation is  
intended to secure the use of the  
country's resources to a greater extent  
than hitherto, though the Govern-  
ment's proposals still stop short  
of either lowering or raising the  
age limit; but the warning is  
given that the Government will  
not hesitate to adopt these and  
other measures from which they  
at present refrain, if the military  
needs cannot be met otherwise. It  
is regrettable to read that the Govern-  
ment is satisfied that the reasons  
which led to the exclusion of Ireland  
from the Military Service Act have  
"lost none of their cogency," and that  
they have decided that compulsion  
shall not, for the present, be  
introduced in Ireland. The figures  
given by Sir AUCKLAND GEDDES  
of the numbers contributed respec-  
tively by the four partners of the  
United Kingdom show that the  
Empire has not had from Ireland all  
the assistance it ought to have.  
The male population of Ireland,  
according to the latest census, is  
practically the same as that of Scot-  
land, but while Scotland is represent-  
ed in the armed forces of the Crown  
by 620,000, Ireland is represented  
by not more than 170,000. By the  
application of the Military Service  
Act to Ireland, would be possible it  
apparently to get to this island alone  
nearly the whole of the 450,000 men  
which Sir AUCKLAND GEDDES stated  
to be the minimum requirement. That  
the Imperial Government should be  
satisfied that the reasons which led  
to the exclusion of the Military  
Service Act have lost none of their  
cogency in this day is a comment

that needs no elaboration. If there  
existed in Ireland any wide-spread  
desire to cultivate better relations  
with the other partners of the United  
Kingdom it would be realized that  
Ireland is not likely to win sympathy  
for her aspirations or grievances by  
refusing to shoulder the same  
responsibilities and bear the sacrifices  
they bear in defence of health and  
home and the Liberty and Freedom  
of the world. One wonders whether  
the disloyal section of the population  
of Ireland ever indulges in a  
thought of what would happen to  
them were Ireland under the  
German flag?

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Shanghai Mercury understands  
that several Germans have been taken  
into custody in Shanghai in connection  
with a fairly large opium fraud.

The registration of Chinese servants  
is being given a trial in the French  
Concession, Tientsin. It is hoped that  
the authorities in the other Concessions  
will follow the example.

The members of last year's  
Municipal Council at Shanghai have been  
re-elected. Their names are: Baron  
Fujimura, Count J. Jezierski, Messrs.  
E. I. Ezra, J. Johnstone, W. L. Merri-  
man, E. C. Pearce, F. C. Richards, Ed.  
White, A. S. P. White-Cooper.

Professor Wright will continue his  
lectures at the Helena May Institute  
on Friday, 18th inst., at 3.30 p.m.,  
dealing with Wordsworth and Coleridge.  
Attention is drawn to the change of  
the hour. These lectures are open to  
members and their friends.

A small fire occurred about one  
o'clock this morning in the second floor  
of a house in No. 123, Queen's Road  
East. The alarm was given and the  
Fire Brigade attended, but its services  
were not required as the outbreak was  
quelled by the police with the assistance  
of the inmates. There was very little  
damage done.

A Peking contemporary states that  
through the Hanyang Corporation, the  
Japanese have secured the right of  
working another iron mine at Aochow,  
Hupeh, under the condition that the  
mine will be placed under the nominal  
control of the Hanyang Iron and  
Coal Corporation, while experts from  
the iron works at Hanyang will be  
employed by the new mining company.  
In the same way as in the Sino-  
Japanese Exchange Bank, no foreigner  
will be permitted to become a share-  
holder in the proposed company and  
the capital will be fixed at ten million  
dollars, half Chinese and half Japanese.

The Manila Carnival opens on  
February 2nd and continues till Feb-  
ruary 10th, and from Messrs. Thos. Cook  
and Sons, the official Passenger  
Agents of the Philippines Government,  
we have received a folder setting  
forth some of the attractions. The  
folder tells us that "during those  
nine days, King Carnival and his  
loyal, carefree subjects will stage a  
spectacle which for clean, unhampered  
mirth can find but few peers and  
probably no superiors in other cities  
holding similar celebrations. To one  
and all His Majesty acclaims a royal  
and warm invitation to his domains and  
extends the hand of welcome."

Among the organizations for war  
work in Hongkong is an association  
of girls attending the Peak School.  
It is known as the Red, White and  
Blue Club, initiated some two years  
ago by Miss Annie Miller. The girls  
meet regularly to make articles which  
are sold for the benefit of war funds.  
Such a sale of work, with which a  
concert was combined, took place  
last Wednesday at the residence of  
Mrs. F. Findlay Miller, and realised  
the sum of \$218. Of this sum there  
has been handed to-day to the Hon.  
Mr. Hallifax (Hon. Secretary of the  
War Charities Committee) a sum of  
\$100 to go to the Red Cross Fund,  
and another \$100 to go to the Blue  
Cross Fund. The balance of \$118  
has been handed to Mrs. Main Head-  
mistress of the Peak School, to aid  
the fund supported by the children  
of the school for the maintenance of  
British prisoners of war.

#### CURE THAT COUGH

WHEN you have a troublesome  
cough, it does not mean that you  
have consumption or that you are going  
to have it, but it does mean that your  
lungs are threatened, and it is just as  
well to be on the safe side and take  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it  
is too late. For sale by all Chemists and  
Druggists.

### HONGKONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

#### CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S GRATITUDE.

The Colonial Secretary forwards  
a letter received by His Majesty's  
Minister, Peking, from the Wai China  
Pu, relating to the contribution from  
Hongkong towards the Tientsin Flood  
Relief Fund:—

(Translation.)

Peking,  
December 21st, 1917.

"Sir—I have the honour to acknow-  
ledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter  
of the 17th instant saying that you had  
received the following communication  
from the Governor of Hongkong:—

"The Legislative Council of Hong-  
kong has voted a sum of \$100,000 to be  
sent to Peking in relief of flood  
victims. I have the honour to enclose  
a draft for \$94,786.75 being the  
equivalent in Peking currency and  
request you to forward it to the  
Metropolitan Union Flood Relief Coun-  
cil together with a copy of the minutes  
of the meeting of the Council."

You send the draft for \$94,786.75 and  
the minutes of the meeting of the Council  
with the request that they may be for-  
warded to the Metropolitan Union Flood  
Relief Council."

I have sent the draft to the Reorganiza-  
tion Bureau for distribution and should  
like to express my deep and unbounded  
gratitude for the Governor of Hongkong's  
neighbourly and sympathetic desire to  
relieve the sufferers from the floods.

I have the honour to request Your  
Excellency to transmit my sincere thanks  
accordingly.

(Sd.) KAO ERI CHIEH.

(on behalf of the Minister for  
Foreign Affairs.)

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Iris May is to distribute the  
prizes at the Bellios Public School  
on February 1st.

The death took place at Kobe on  
the 9th inst. of Mr. A. H. Groom,  
a well-known resident of the port.  
Mr. Groom, who was 72 years of age,  
arrived in Kobe in April, 1898. Until  
recently he was Chairman of the  
Directors of the Oriental Hotel Co.

We regret to record the death of  
Mr. T. M. Dwyer, who came to  
China in 1870 to join the late firm  
of Adamson, Bell & Co. at Foochow,  
afterwards being connected with  
Dodwell, Carll & Co., and lately  
with Dodwell & Co., Ltd., of which  
Company he was a Director from its  
inception till the end of last year,  
when he resigned owing to failing  
health. Mr. Dwyer died at home  
on the 5th inst. at the age of 72.

By kind permission of His Excellency  
the Governor, Mr. Deans Fuller will  
give a Recital in the Ball Room at  
Government House Monday, February  
4th at 9.15 p.m., the entire proceeds  
from which (tickets price \$3) will be  
given to the Prisoners of War Fund  
and the Funds of the Ladies Emergency  
Committee of the Navy League. The  
programme will include many of the  
most popular pieces of Chopin, Liszt,  
in addition, and other items. The  
violinist will be Mr. W. McQuade. The  
recent series of informal recitals at the  
Helena May Institute, the collections  
at which have in all realized £38, were so  
well attended, although the programmes  
played were almost exclusively made  
up of unfamiliar works by comparatively  
unknown composers, that it is hoped  
similar support will be extended on  
this occasion also.

#### ARMED ROBBERY IN KENNEDY ROAD.

An smash living at No. 7 "A" Block,  
Military Quarters at Kennedy Road,  
reports that yesterday morning a man  
rang the door bell and demanded  
admittance stating that he had come to  
look at the water service. As soon as  
he entered he seized her by the  
neck and pointed a revolver at her  
saying: "I don't want to hurt you,  
but if you make a noise I will kill you."  
Five men followed him into the  
house. They gagged the unfortunate  
woman and tied her hands behind her  
back. The robbers ransacked the house  
stealing money, clothing and jewelry to  
the value of \$205.

#### DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane  
of your throat in trying to dislodge  
the plague of Chamberlain's Cough  
Remedy will remove this for you,  
and cure the cold that is causing it.  
For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### THE MAGISTRACY.

#### ILLICIT OPIUM.

A Chinese was charged before  
Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with being  
in the unlawful possession of seven taels  
of prepared opium on board the  
s.s. Tungking.

Defendant stated that a man gave  
him money to buy the opium from  
Annam.

A Revenue Inspector stated that the  
opium was found concealed in defendant's  
luggage.

Mr. Wood imposed on the defendant  
a fine of \$500 or three months' hard  
labour in default.

Another Chinese was also charged  
with the possession of three taels of  
opium dross.

Sergeant Tulloch stated that the defen-  
dant was arrested by a Chinese Revenue  
Officer at the Yau-mai ferry. The opium  
was found concealed in the defendant's  
trunk.

Defendant said that the opium was  
for his own consumption. He bought  
the drug in Annam.

Mr. Wood fined the defendant \$20.

#### ALLEGED THEFT OF BARK.

A Chinese boatman was charged  
before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning  
with the theft of 385 lbs. of bark  
from a ship yesterday.

Inspector O'Sullivan stated that  
yesterday at about 2 p.m., a district  
watchman saw the defendant coming  
off a junk with three bags of bark.  
The watchman questioned the defendant  
about them and was told that the bark  
had been picked up on board the  
steamer Hupeh. The defendant was  
arrested and taken to the Station.

Enquiries were made as to the  
steamer and it was ultimately  
discovered that the bark was  
part of cargo, loaded quite recently.

Evidence was given by the district  
watchman concerning the arrest of the  
defendant and after further evidence  
His Worship adjourned the case until  
to-morrow bail being fixed at \$100.

#### REMOVING THE OBSTRUCTION.

A Chinese cabinet maker charged  
another Chinese with the theft of a  
blackwood chair valued at \$2 at Stanley  
Street yesterday.

Inspector Macdonald stated that the  
complainant left the chair on the side  
walk while he went into the shop for his  
dinner. During his absence, the defend-  
ant picked up the chair and was walk-  
ing away with it when he was seen by  
an Indian watchman of Messrs. Watson's  
dispensary who recognised the chair as  
belonging to the complainant. He  
arrested the defendant.

Defendant who pleaded not guilty,  
said that the chair was obstructing the  
side-walk and as he was moving it to  
his one side the Indian watchman arrested  
him.

Mr. Dyer Ball remanded the case  
until to-morrow.

#### SEQUEL TO A VISIT TO A PAWNBROKER.

A Chinese was charged by Mr. Dyer  
Ball this morning with giving false  
information to a pawnbroker when  
attempting to pawn a blanket.

It was stated that the blanket was  
the property of Mr. Day of the Univer-  
sity, which had been lost sometime ago.

Defendant stated that he picked up a  
pawn ticket for the blanket about a  
month ago. He redeemed the blanket  
and was attempting to pledge it at  
another pawnbroker's when he gave a  
wrong address. He asked what it  
mattered since he had given his correct  
name.

Mr. Dyer Ball pointed out to defend-  
ant that he had no right to keep what  
was not his. Defendant was sentenced  
to three weeks' hard labour.

#### JAPAN'S TRADE WITH CHINA.

The total amount of trade of Japan  
with China during the year of 1917  
shows:—

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Exports           | 289,000,000     |
| Imports           | 112,000,000     |
| Excess of Exports | Yen 177,000,000 |

#### GROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to  
croup. Don't wait until this  
dreadful disease attacks your little one  
before you prepare for it. It comes in  
the night, when children are sleeping  
usually deep and undisturbed. It is a  
warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails  
to cure croup, and it is absolutely safe.  
For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### AMERICANS IN THE EAST.

#### THE QUESTION OF MILITARY SERVICE.

In response to an inquiry from the  
American Consul-General in Hong-  
kong, through the Department of  
State to the Army and Navy Depart-  
ments in Washington, the Consul-  
General has received advice as to  
the policy adopted by the American  
Government in regard to military  
service of American citizens in this  
part of the world.

So far as the Navy is concerned  
it is stated that service in the United  
States Navy is purely voluntary and  
there is no way the services of men  
in the Far East can be used by the  
Navy unless they initiate the action  
themselves. At the present time the  
Government is not taking officers  
from civil life except in the Naval  
Reserve and then only in the case  
of licensed seafaring men who enroll  
in that force and are called into  
active service to man merchant ships.

All other officers, both active and  
reserve, are promoted from the ranks.  
Unless the men in the Far East who  
are anxious to enter the United  
States Navy are licensed seafaring  
men and voluntarily enroll in the  
Naval Reserve, the only way they  
can serve in the Navy is to enlist  
either in the regular service or re-  
serve force. To enter the reserve  
force they must proceed to the  
United States and volunteer in that  
force. If they wish to enlist in the  
regular service they can do so on any  
man-of-war or recruiting station in  
the United States.

With respect to service in the  
Army the general policy seems to be  
not to encourage Americans in active  
military life in the Far East to volun-  
teer in the Armies of the United  
States. These subject to the selec-  
tive service law are taken in the  
ordinary course of the operation of  
that law after registration, but it is  
announced from Washington that the  
man-power situation in the United  
States is not believed to be such as  
to warrant the Government inter-  
fering with the service of Americans  
engaged in caring for American in-  
terests or in advancing American  
commerce abroad.

#### THE COURT CARDS.

It is announced that the farewell  
season of this popular company will  
continue at the Theatre Royal on  
Saturday next. On that occasion  
readers will be interested to hear  
Edgar Warwick will reappear in his  
old role of Joker. The company is  
now on its way back from Shanghai  
and Japan, where splendid business  
is recorded. An item of particular  
interest in connection with the season  
is the fact that it is announced that  
five per cent. of the total receipts  
are to be donated to the Red Cross  
Fund. The season must of necessity  
be a short one owing to engage-  
ments ahead, and readers are advised  
to see about any vacant seats at  
Messrs. Moutrie's without delay. A  
fresh repertoire is to be presented,  
and a bumper season is anticipated.

#### A NOTED SINGER.

Mr. Gerard Zalsman, the vocalist,  
who is to give a concert at the City  
Hall on Friday next, comes to the  
Colony with the reputation of  
possessing a baritone voice of a  
refinement and flexibility that en-  
ables him to take the highest rank  
among lieder singers of to-day. He  
is stated to be "a perfect master of  
refined pathos and colouring, coming  
from the most imaginative insight  
into certain emotional moods." Mr.  
Zalsman has appeared in England  
and various other parts of the world  
and the opinions expressed in the  
Press of his ability as a singer of a  
very high order are sufficient guar-  
antee that Hongkong music lovers  
will experience a vocal feast if they  
attend Mr. Zalsman's concert, parti-  
cularly of which will be found in our  
advertisement columns.

#### SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

BEYOND you, cough medicine for  
children, bear in mind that Cham-  
berlain's Cough Remedy is the best for  
coughs, colds, and croup, and it is  
absolutely safe. It contains no harmful  
drugs. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

#### QUESTION OF RUSSIA'S SHARE.

The Peking Leader in the third of a  
series of articles on the Boxer Indem-  
nity writes:—

In our previous issues we discussed  
the postponement of the Boxer  
indemnity and suggested the surrender  
to China of the entire portion remaining  
unpaid. It only remains to examine  
Russia's share of this indemnity in the  
light of recent events.

The 190,971,120 out of a total of  
Tls. 450,000,000 was, as we have already  
seen, allotted to Russia, and (the  
annual payment due thereunder is  
\$7,093,282.757). This is the largest  
of the claims upon China; so when the  
question of postponement was mooted, the  
Petrograd Government consented to a  
waiver of only one-third of its share.

The individual annual payments due to  
the other allies are considerably smaller,  
ranging from Portugal's \$50,191,774 to  
France's \$3,856,374.837. In the present  
state of affairs Russia could ill afford to  
forego the whole of the seven millions,  
especially when the others who were  
richer would forego lesser amounts.  
Thereupon it was deemed fair to post-  
pone one-third of this quota, as it would  
then approximate the average share of  
the other Allies—for example, that of  
the British \$2,754,185.114, which after  
both Russia and France is the next  
biggest.

In the ordinary case the above  
indemnity may easily pass unnoticed;  
today, however, it assumes a measure  
of importance. Recently the Maximalist  
Government declared that they would  
not hold themselves responsible for the  
payment of debts incurred by their  
predecessors. This is a serious decision  
to adopt and all those who are affected  
will no doubt take the necessary steps  
to look after their interests.

For our present purpose we are con-  
cerned with only the relationship  
between this repudiation of debts by  
the Russian Government and the  
retention of two-thirds parts of its  
annual payment under the Boxer  
indemnity. If this act of repudiation  
is recognized, then it seems open to  
question whether or not the Govern-  
ment of this country is justified in  
withholding the payment of this indem-  
nity. Up to date the Entente Allies  
do not appear to have recognized the  
Maximalists, so the declared intention  
to disavow such debts may be no  
more than a threat to compel the Allies  
to accord the necessary recognition. At  
any rate, it seems that until the situation  
is cleared up as to a matter of self-  
preservation, China is within her rights  
to withhold the payment.

There is, however, this additional  
development from the Maximalists  
action. According to recent telegraphic  
advice, the present Russian Minister in  
Peking is no longer legally functioning  
as such, a decree of the Maximalists  
having dismissed him as well as his  
colleagues in Tokyo and elsewhere.  
And coupled with the fact that the  
Allies have not yet recognized the  
Maximalist Government, the Russian  
Minister in our midst is placed in a  
most awkward position. The act of  
dismissal deprives him of the right to  
receive funds from Petrograd for the  
expenses of himself and his mission,  
and therefore he is left to his own  
private means.

But for the repudiation by the Max-  
imalists the payment of the indemnity  
will still be forthcoming, and this will  
relieve not inconsiderably the financial  
embarrassment of the Russian legation  
consulates as well as other Russians who  
have been much hard hit by the war and  
whose remittances from home have now  
been rendered so precarious. Now legally  
speaking, the Minister is to-day no  
longer entitled to receive such payment.  
If so, he and his nationals may have to  
suffer some considerable privation for no  
fault of their own. But China and Russia  
are allies in the exposure of a common  
cause, so we would urge that under the  
circumstances our Government should,  
if necessary, assist the Russian Minister,  
and his nationals in the way of a tem-  
porary advance from the proceeds of the  
Boxer indemnity. Whether or not a  
guarantee of repayment should be  
required is another question which pro-  
perly belongs to the parties negotiating  
the same, as is also that whether the  
guarantee should be personal or one by  
the other Entente Allies. As far as we  
are concerned, all we would urge is that  
in taking any step to preserve its own  
interests, the Chinese Government  
should try its best to assist an allied  
official under the present circumstances.  
A friend in need is a friend indeed.

#### TROTSKY FOR JEWISH PALESTINE.

The London Times for December  
8th, has a report of an interview by its  
Petrograd correspondent with Leon  
Trotsky, the















HONGKONG DEFENCE  
CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt.  
J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

## PARADES.

THURSDAY, 17th instant:  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company.  
Layers and Setters' Class only.  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Layers  
and Setters' Class only.

FRIDAY, 18th instant:  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, Full  
parade.  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company, Full  
parade.

Orders for Engineer Company by  
Captain W. Russell.

11th to 18th instant:  
E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and  
Eyesman. Parades as per Rosters  
posted at Headquarters. Engine  
drivers at 5.45 p.m.; Electricians at  
6 a.m.

ORDERS NEXT FOR DETY.  
Belchers—2nd Lieut. Brown.  
Lyeonin—2nd Lieut. Hill.  
Stonewall—Lieut. Stevenson.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.  
Class for higher ratings at Belchers at  
6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.  
Under Staff-Sergeant, Overdone and  
Parsons, R.I.C. Corp. Day and 2nd  
Corporal Norris, H.R.C.

EXAMINATION FOR HIGHER RATINGS.  
Will be held in the 3rd week of January  
at Belchers and the 4th week of  
January at Lyeonin. Exact dates  
will be notified later.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by  
Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.  
A Company.

Thursday, 17th instant:  
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course.  
Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's  
Park Range, for all who have not fired  
these practices. Dress, drill order  
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February 15th Military Law.  
February 22nd Field Service Regula-  
tions.  
March 1st Map Reading and Field  
Sketching.  
March 8th Military Engineering.  
March 15th Military Law.  
March 22nd Field Service Regulations.  
March 29th Military Engineering.

PARADES OFFICERS.  
The following will parade at Lyeonin  
Range at 3 p.m. on 17th inst. to fire  
practices 3 and 4 of Revolver Course,  
proceed by 2.15 p.m. from Causeway  
Bay.  
Captains Armstrong, Murray Scott,  
Stewart, Wolfe, Harston, Erpton.  
Lieuts. Dandy, Evan-Jones, Stevenson,  
Nelson, 2nd Lieuts. Brown, Templeton,  
Hill, Matthewman, Marley.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.  
All applications for the issue, renewal  
or exchange of articles of uniform or  
equipment (except the issue of uniform  
or equipment) must be made to the  
Equipment Board by each member in  
person, at one of the appointed times  
as notified in orders. Each application  
must be made on the proper printed  
form, which must be filled up and signed  
by the applicant and countersigned by  
the Officer Commanding the applicant's  
platoon.

The Equipment Board is constituted as  
follows:—Major D. Macdonald, V.D., Pre-  
sident; Major G. H. Walsman and  
Captain G. G. Wood, Members; Lieut.  
and Quartermaster W. Higby, Secretary.  
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Park Range, for all who have not fired  
these practices. Dress, drill order  
with pouches.

Thursday, 17th instant:  
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Park Range, for all who have not fired  
these practices. Dress, drill order  
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Friday, 18th instant:  
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With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.  
Quarter hour ..... \$0.15 ..... \$0.30  
Half hour ..... 0.30 ..... 0.60  
One hour ..... 0.50 ..... 1.00  
Two hours ..... 0.80 ..... 1.50  
Three hours ..... 1.00 ..... 2.00  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ..... 1.50 ..... 2.00  
IV.—In the Hill District.  
With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.  
Quarter hour ..... \$0.15 ..... \$0.30  
Half hour ..... 0.30 ..... 0.60  
One hour ..... 0.50 ..... 1.00  
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The following table shows the Stan-  
dard Time at which Official Night ends  
and begins during the month of Jan.,  
1918.

| Date     | Ends      | Begin     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Jan. 1st | 8.53 a.m. | 6.13 p.m. |
| " 2nd    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 3rd    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 4th    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 5th    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 6th    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 7th    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 8th    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 9th    | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 10th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 11th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 12th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 13th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 14th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 15th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 16th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 17th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 18th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 19th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 20th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 21st   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 22nd   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 23rd   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 24th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 25th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 26th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 27th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 28th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 29th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 30th   | 8.53      | 6.13      |
| " 31st   | 8.53      | 6.13      |

## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been  
compiled at the National Almanac Office  
in London from the result of the analysis  
of observations taken by means of an  
automatic tide-recording machine in the  
water. Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui  
during the years 1914-1916.  
The zero of the table corresponds with  
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty  
Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet  
3 inches below mean sea-level.  
To obtain the depth of water on the  
tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard  
add 3 feet 6 inches and on the gauge  
at Tsim Sha Tsui add 16 feet  
4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 11th to 23rd, 1918.

| Time | High Water | Low Water |
|------|------------|-----------|
| 11th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 12th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 13th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 14th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 15th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 16th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 17th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 18th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 19th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 20th | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 21st | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 22nd | 10.15      | 4.15      |
| 23rd | 10.15      | 4.15      |

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ALL OVER HEAD

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very little sleep and I had  
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## WEATHER REPORT.

January 15th—12th. 05m.—No returns  
from Japan and Wladivostok. The  
anticyclone continues to weaken, and  
pressure has decreased slightly over the  
China Coast and Formosa; it has  
increased slightly over the Philippines.  
Fresh monsoon will continue along the  
China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.  
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total  
since January 1st, 0.00 inches, against  
an average of 0.15 inches.  
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on the 17th January—  
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E.  
winds, fresh; fine.  
2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds,  
fresh to strong.  
3.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong and Lamock: The same as  
No. 1.  
4.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong and Hainan: The same as  
No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY  
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER  
REPORT.

JANUARY 16, 1918.—a.m.

| Station  | Hour   | Barometer | Thermometer | Humidity | Wind | Force | Direction | Weather |
|----------|--------|-----------|-------------|----------|------|-------|-----------|---------|
| Victoria | 6 a.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 9 a.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 12 m.  | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 3 p.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 6 p.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 9 p.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 12 m.  | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 3 p.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 6 p.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |
| Victoria | 9 p.m. | 30.15     | 64          | 71       | W    | 1     | W         | Cloudy  |

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Government Civil Hos-  
pital ..... 04  
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Hospital to Clock Tower  
From Clock Tower to Race  
Course ..... 10  
From Clock Tower to Bay  
View House ..... 12  
From Wanchai Market to  
Bay View House ..... 08  
From Bay View House to  
Quarry Bay ..... 06  
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Two hours ..... 50  
Three ..... 60  
Four ..... 70  
Five ..... 80  
Six ..... 90  
Seven ..... 1.00  
Eight ..... 1.10  
Nine ..... 1.20  
Ten ..... 1.30  
Eleven ..... 1.40  
Twelve ..... 1.50  
Thirteen ..... 1.60  
Fourteen ..... 1.70  
Fifteen ..... 1.80  
Sixteen ..... 1.90  
Seventeen ..... 2.00  
Eighteen ..... 2.10  
Nineteen ..... 2.20  
Twenty ..... 2.30  
Twenty one ..... 2.40  
Twenty two ..... 2.50  
Twenty three ..... 2.60  
Twenty four ..... 2.70  
Twenty five ..... 2.80  
Twenty six ..... 2.90  
Twenty seven ..... 3.00  
Twenty eight ..... 3.10  
Twenty nine ..... 3.20  
Thirty ..... 3.30  
Thirty one ..... 3.40  
Thirty two ..... 3.50  
Thirty three ..... 3.60  
Thirty four ..... 3.70  
Thirty five ..... 3.80  
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Thirty seven ..... 4.00  
Thirty eight ..... 4.10  
Thirty nine ..... 4.20  
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Forty two ..... 4.50  
Forty three ..... 4.60  
Forty four ..... 4.70  
Forty five ..... 4.80  
Forty six ..... 4.90  
Forty seven ..... 5.00  
Forty eight ..... 5.10  
Forty nine ..... 5.20  
Fifty ..... 5.30  
Fifty one ..... 5.40  
Fifty two ..... 5.50  
Fifty three ..... 5.60  
Fifty four ..... 5.70  
Fifty five ..... 5.80  
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Fifty nine ..... 6.20  
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Sixty four ..... 6.70  
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Sixty seven ..... 7.00  
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Eighty seven ..... 9.00  
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Ninety nine ..... 10.20  
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One hundred three ..... 10.60  
One hundred four ..... 10.70  
One hundred five ..... 10.80  
One hundred six ..... 10.90  
One hundred seven ..... 11.00  
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One hundred nine ..... 11.20  
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One hundred eleven ..... 11.40  
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